



## Weekly SGA roundup

**By Rani Shah**

SGA SENATOR

### Student Life Committee:

1. SSV and Gunsaulus Printing: Find temporary solutions in Gunsaulus and SSV this semester and permanent print-stations for Fall 2011.
2. E1 Water Fountains: Replace water fountain piping to get rid of rusty water.
3. Red Bull: Bring the Red Bull cars to campus, especially during high-stress times for students.
4. Shuttlebus: Try to expand shuttle bus routes to Prairie Shores.

### Academic Affairs Committee:

1. Foreign Language Program: Finish up with approval of the proposal and work on implementation of a foreign language program at IIT!
2. Clocks for Classrooms: Install clocks in every classroom, and maintain existing clocks to make sure they are functional and correct.
3. Art Classes for Non-Architecture Students: Streamline the process for IIT student registration for Shimer-offered art courses.
4. Improving Advising: Get student input with research and surveys to see how we can better the advising process.

### Communications Committee:

1. Universal Calendar: Unveil the UCal at the Heads of State General Assembly later this semester.
2. Bike Registration: Research benefits of a bike registration system on campus.
3. Scheduling: Meet with Administration to determine how to allow more time for students to access professor office hours and other activities.
4. Thought Drive: Host a series of events to collect input for surveys, new projects, and overall school improvement.

## Finance Board hosts intercollegiate conference

**By Kevin O'Leary**

FINANCE BOARD CHAIR

Last Saturday, February 5 2011, IIT Finance Board hosted its first annual 'Student Government Finance Conference'.

Other Chicago area schools' relative student fund allocating bodies, including those from DePaul, University of Chicago, Loyola University of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Chicago were invited to the MTCC for a day of sharing ideas and processes. Specifically, schools were to outline their process for applying for funding, describe the structure of their allocating board/committee, the structure of their actual hearings, and any governing documents or guidelines to abide by. The conference was designed to facilitate idea exchange, so that all the respective 'Finance Boards' could see the process from other perspectives and improve upon what was already in place.

Attendance to the conference was scheduled to be 12 people, with representatives from IIT, Loyola University of Chicago, and the University of Chicago, but due to last minute cancellations involving a walk from a formal dance at the Drake Hotel all the way back to Loyola (the Friday after the blizzard), the LUC representatives were not able to attend. Thus, four members of IIT's Finance Board and University of Chicago's Student Government Finance Committee along with their Student Government VP of Administration were able to attend, for a total of eight people.

There were stark differences between the funding processes between the schools. While IIT's Finance Board allocates the entire Student Activity Fund itself to respective student organizations and clubs, at U of C the SAF is divided into several different funds, including Sports, Programming Coordinating Coun-

cil, Community Service, and an 'Uncommon Fund' to be used on particularly unique projects. Each of these funds are allocated by a specific and separate body, and then their general student activity fund (like ours) is allocated by their Student Government Finance Committee. Also, their hearings are weekly, during which every RSO, or Registered Student Organization (U of C jargon), has to come in and explain their budget. Then, the org leaves the room and the committee deliberates, and instead of getting a decision letter later on, the org comes back in and they are directly told their amount of funding.

Since our two schools are so different (U of C has roughly 5000 undergrads, we have half that, and they have over 350 student orgs, whereas we have around 140), it is difficult to implement many of each other's policies regarding the funding process. However, one idea U of C really liked was the fact that we have 'Follow Up Budgets', which we refer to affectionately as 'FUBS'. They do not currently have any type of follow-up on funding they allocate, which leads to fiscal irresponsibility within orgs and lack of accountability as to if the money is going to good use, if their events are successful, etc. They intend to put the FUB into effect immediately.

The conference included much discussion of the internal functions within each school, talk of major differences between schools (like the surprising news that U of C does not get U-Passes) and mock hearings from both groups, but finally came to an end after lunch. Overall the first annual Student Government Finance Board Conference was a success, and we plan to hold it again in the future. We hope it will grow into a much larger event, and will help schools throughout the city refine and improve their student activity fund allocation processes.

## College Goal Sunday

**By The Office of Financial Aid**

This year IIT is hosting a free FAFSA completion workshop provided by College Goal Sunday (CAP).

College Goal Sunday is a statewide volunteer program that provides free information and assistance to students and families who are applying for financial aid for post-secondary education. College Goal Sunday brings together financial aid professionals from colleges and universities along with other volunteers to help college-bound students and their families complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Experts from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, high school counselors, college representatives, and other volunteers will be available to help you complete your FAFSA.

When: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: 3301 S. Dearborn St., Siegel Hall  
Chicago, IL 60616  
It's free!

### What should you bring?

- Social Security Number.
- Records of income, such as income earned from work and business, child support paid or received and other untaxed income. If you have them, refer to the W-2 forms or Federal Income Tax Return IRS 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.
- Information about assets, such as savings, certificates of deposit, stock options, bonds, 529 plans and other college savings programs; and investment real estate, business and farm.
- Driver's license number, if you have one.
- Date of birth.
- Month and year of marriage, separation, divorce or other change in marital status.
- Alien Registration Number, if you are not a U.S. citizen.

## IIT First-Year Students and Graduating Students (Seniors)



Want to win an **iPod Touch?**

☐ DISAGREE

☐ AGREE

☒ STRONGLY AGREE

## TAKE THE SURVEY!

IIT is participating in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

You will receive your survey by email from NSSE soon.

➔ **Respond by April 1 for a chance to win one of two iPod Touches.**

### We want to hear your feedback about IIT!

Your opinions count and will help IIT to improve academic and social programming at the university.

### HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact the Office of the Registrar at [registrar@iit.edu](mailto:registrar@iit.edu).



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## FB March Hearing Change: Programming

**By Kevin O'Leary**

FINANCE BOARD CHAIR

Normally, the upcoming hearing in March would only be for Capital, Conference and Competition budgets. However, the Finance Board would like to announce that it is opening up the option to request funding for Programming budgets. The Board feels that this will enable more events that will improve student life, and hopes for another round of quality submissions.